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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: REQUEST FOR MULTILATERAL
INFORMATION ON HOST GOVERNMENT

REF: (A) STATE 159747, (B) 76 NOUAKCHOTT 379

1. OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RE MULTILATERAL ISSUES
AND MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT (GIRM) CONTAINED REF B REMAIN
VALID. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, LIKE TO REEMPHASIZE AND REITERATE
FOLLOWING ESSENTIAL POINTS.

2. WE HAVE LITTLE CHANCE OF MAKING IMPACT ON OR EVEN MAKING
ANY APPRECIABLE INPUT INTO GIRM POSITIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS
FOR A SPECIFIC CONFERENCE UNLESS WE HAVE INSTRUCTIONS A
MINIMUM OF 25 DAYS BEFORE CONFERENCE OPENING DAY. GIRM DE-
LEGATES NORMALLY LEAVE NOUAKCHOTT 7 TO 10 DAYS BEFORE A CON-
FERENCE BECAUSE (A) INFREQUENT AIRLINE CONNECTIONS TO EUROPE
AND U.S. AND, (B) THEY WISH TO ARRIVE AT CONFERENCE SITE
WELL BEFORE HAND IN ORDER TO CAUCUS WITH ARAB AND AFRICAN
DELEGATIONS (AND ENJOY PLEASURES OF BIG CITY). POSITION PAPERS
ON ALL MAJOR SUBJECTS TO BE
DISCUSSED AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES MUST BE APPROVED BY
THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, NORMALLY AT LEAST A 10 DAY PROCESS.
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THUS GIRM POSITIONS ARE LOCKED IN SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE CONFERENCE.

3. ONCE A DELEGATION HAS LEFT NOUAKCHOTT FOR A CONFERENCE ANY
MISSIONARY WORK USG WANTS TO DO WITH GIRM DELEGATION MUST BE
DONE BY U.S. OFFICIALS AT CONFERENCE SITE. EXCEPT FOR UN

DELEGATION IN NEW YORK, GIRM COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN NOUAKCHOTT AND DELEGATIONS ARE VERY LIMITED.

4. TO MAKE MAXIMUM IMPACT ON GIRM, EMBOFFS MUST RECEIVE STANDARD FRENCH TEXTS SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH INSTRUCTIONS. ONLY A VERY SMALL NUMBER OF GIVO OFFICIALS (AT SENIOR, MIDDLE, OR JUNIOR LEVELS) READ ENGLISH, AND THEN ONLY WITH A DICTIONARY. IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, FOR EXAMPLE, ONLY THREE RELATIVELY JUNIOR LEVEL OFFICERS READ AND SPEAK ENGLISH WITH ANY DEGREE OF EASE.

5. ANY FEEDBACK U.S. DELEGATES CAN PROVIDE ON ACTIVITIES OF GIRM CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES, BOTH IN TERMS OF KEY SPEECHES MADE AND POSITIONS TAKEN IN FORMAL VOTES AND IN CORRIDORS, IS EXCEEDINGLY VALUABLE. IT PROVIDES SUBSTANCE FOR OUR CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH GIRM AND FOR PLANNING MOST EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO GIRM ON SUBSEQUENT ISSUES. UNFORTUNATELY THERE IS LITTLE REGULAR FLOW OUT TO NOUAKCHOTT. WE FOUND MAY 1977 INSTRUCTION (USUN 1500) TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO HOST GOVERNMENTS ON ECOSOC VOTE "AS APPROPRIATE" TO BE INTERESTING SUGGESTION; IT WOULD HAVE BEEN USEFUL AT SAME TIME TO HAVE KNOWN WHETHER GIRM DELEGATION FOLLOWED PROMISED FOREIGN MINISTRY INSTRUCTION TO VOTE FOR U.S. REELECTION TO UN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

6. DCM FARLEY IS DESIGNATED MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS OFFICER FOR NOUAKCHOTT.

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